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SUBJECT: US FISHERY OFF FRENCH GUIANA

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1. COMPETENT GOF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND SECRETARIAT FOR
OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND TERRITORIES OFFICIALS HAVE
GIVEN US INFORMATION IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS WHICH
DESCRIBES FLUID SITUATION CURRENTLY PERTAINING TO
FRENCH GUIANA FISHERIES AS OF JANUARY 1, 1977.

2. GOF DECREE EXTENDING FRENCH GUIANA FISHERIES
JURISDICTION FROM 12 TO 200 MILES HAS NOT RPT NOT
YET BEEN SIGNED--NOR HAS SIMILAR DECREE AFFECTING
ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS STILL
PENDING ON THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOW EXPECTED TO BE
COMPLETED QUOTE DEFINITELY DURING FIRST DAYS OF 1977
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UNQUOTE . THESE ARE DESCRIBED AS ALL IN-HOUSE
GOF ACTIONS HAVING NO RPT NO NEED FOR CONCURRENCE
BY EC.

3. REGARDING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER NEW
REGIME, HOWEVER, MATTERS ARE LESS CLEAR. BOTH

AGENCIES STRESS THAT WHILE PARTICULARS OF NEW SYSTEM ARE UNKNOWN, IT WILL ALMOST SURELY BE ADMINISTERED BY ECCOMMISSION IN BRUSSELS AND NOT RPT NOT BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES.

4. GOF RESPONSES TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS RAISED PARA 2 REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) LICENSES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR SHRIMPERS WITHIN 200 MILES OF FRENCH GUIANA.

(B) THE OFFICES AND OFFICIALS WHICH WILL TAKE LICENSE APPLICATIONS HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED. THESE WILL QUOTE PROBABLY UNQUOTE BE APPOINTED BY EC.

(C) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LICENSES ARE NOT YET KNOWN. THESE WILL DEPEND UPON STIPULATIONS OF AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED BETWEEN EC AND US.

(D) IN ADDITION TO LICENSE REQUIREMENT OF EC, GOF IS NOW STUDYING ADVISABILITY OF ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION MEASURES. NO RPT NO DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN TAKEN IN THIS REGARD.

(E) REGARDING EC PROPOSAL TO MAINTAIN FOREIGN CATCH AT OR BELOW 1975 LEVELS, GOF SOURCES SAY THIS WILL APPLY TO US SHIPS ONLY IN EVENT NO RPT NO EC/US FISHING AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

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5. IN DISCUSSING MULTI-FLAG COMPOSITIONS OF SHRIMPING FLEETS, FOREIGN OFFICE LEGAL OFFICER STATED EXPECTATIONS THAT EC FISHING CONTROL REGULATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO PREDICATE THEMSELVES UPON RECIPROCITY WITH GOVERNMENT WHOSE FLAG INDIVIDUAL SHIPS FLEW RATHER THAN UPON NATIONALITY OF COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE RUNNING A GIVEN FLEET.

6. FOR TIME BEING AT LEAST, GALLAGHER'S ADVICE (PARA 4 EC BRUSSELS 12681) THAT US COMPANIES CONTACT FRENCH GUIANA AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY REMAINS VALID. IF AWAITED EC DRAFT REGULATION CONCERNING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY WATERS BY THIRD COUNTRY FLEETS DOES NOT ADDRESS SPECIFIC LICENSING PROCEDURES, WE MAY HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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TO WAIT SOME TIME YET FOR THESE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN INTERESTED EUROPEAN BUREAUCRACIES. BY DEFAULT, LOCAL OFFICIALS APPEAR LIKELY TO BE ONES WHO WILL HAVE TO COPE WITH CONFUSION OF SHRIMP SEASON OPENING THIS COMING SATURDAY.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PASSING ABOVE INFORMATION TO RAPHAEL PAGAN, CASTLE AND COOKE V.P. IN SAN FRANCISCO (TEL 415-986-3000-EXT. 8325).
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